9.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Assam; Guwahati.	Member
10.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member
11.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima.	Member
12.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.	Member
13.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.	Member
14.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Manipur, Imphal.	Member
15	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Mizoram, Aizwal.	Member
16	Representative of DG, CAPART	Member
17	Member Convenor, CAPART	Member Convenor

SCs/STs on foreign assignments

1221. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forum of SC/ST MPs in its representations submitted to the Prime Minister on 17th December, 1996, Ist September, 1997 and 23rd July, 1998 have demanded posting of persons from SCs and STs category in foreign assignments under UNO, its affiliated Organisations in India and abroad; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon, furnishing number of persons

from the Ministry of Rural Development sent abroad on foreign postings/assignments during the last five years and the number of persons belonging to SCs and STs among them and their percentage as compared to the total of such assignments?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Three Memoranda were submitted to the Prime Minister on 17.12.96, 1.9.97 and 23.7.98 by the Parliamentary Forum for SC & ST.

(b) In so far as the Ministry of Rural Development is concerned, while no officer was sent on foreign posting/foreign assignment during the last five years, the services of three officers were lent, on request, to Inter-Governmental/International Organisations. None of the three officers belongs to SCs/STs.

Rural Sanitation Programme in North-Eastern Region

1222. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of Rural Development be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount allotted and utilized under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme for the North-Eastern Region during the last five years; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to provide more funds to NER for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Under the Central Rural Sanitation Programme the following amounts were allocated and